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# 'I will always support you and your families'

(Editor's note: President George W. Bush sent a message to the armed forces and the civilians who support the defense department Jan. 26 via the nation's incoming 21st defense secretary. Donald H. Rumsfeld read the message from the president during a Full Honors Welcome Ceremony Jan. 26 at the Pentagon. Here is the text of that message.)



President Bush

To the armed forces of the United States and to the men and women who support them.

Your service in the cause of freedom is both noble and extraordinary. Because of you, America is strong and the flame of freedom burns brighter than at any time in history.

Your country can never repay you for the sacrifices and hardships you endure, but we are grateful for the liberties we enjoy every day because of your service.

As your Commander-in-Chief I will always support you and your families so that this great nation continues to have the greatest armed forces in the history of the world.

Thank you,

George W. Bush

President of the United States

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# Citizen soldiers build up better communities

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By Army Spc. Jeremy Heckler

JTF Bravo Public Affairs

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Guard military members representing each of the armed services descended on Gracias with crews and equipment and set to work. Their comfortable houses and nice, warm beds are replaced with tents and cots at their base camp. Cable television does not come with each tent.

New Horizons exercises are humanitarian and civil assistance missions designed to foster goodwill and improve relations between the United States and the host nation. The two countries select the areas of the greatest need.

The 130th Engineer



Photo by Army Spc. Jeremy Heckler

Sgt. Angel Hernandez, a soldier from the 130th Engineer Battalion, Puerto Rico National Guard, works Feb. 9 on the foundation of a school in Qualapa, Honduras. His unit is receiving training through its involvement in this U.S. Southern Command New Horizons Exercise.

Battalion began work in Qualapa in conjunction with other services and

started pouring the foundations on what will soon be a schoolhouse. "We've been working for the past five days, setting up the foundation. Today we are filling in the concrete slab with the help of the Air Force, who brought in the gravel and sand," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Allende of the 130th Engineer Battalion of the Puerto Rico National Guard.

In the coming weeks they will build three more schools as well as medical clinics, in addition to a road to La Campa.

"We came to here to help build schools, clinics and roads in the area," said Army Spc. Monica Martinez of 130th Engi-

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neer Battalion. "It's good that other people care about what's going on, to help make a better place."

"The conditions here are pretty bad with a lot of people living a rough life," said Sgt. Nelson Rodriguez, 130th Engineer Battalion. "They need all the support they can get."

Most the positive when they arrived.



Photo by Army Spc. Jeremy Heckler

U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Frank Almaguer (center), helps with a school's ground-breaking ceremony Feb. 9 in Qualapa, Honduras.

the construction sites to support the engitroops have noticed a neers and treat the reaction heat casualties and when we get there all "I've been out to of the children run

out and wave at us," said Army Spc. Greg Andreas of the 29th Support Battalion of know that we are gothe Hawaii National ing to bring a lot of Guard.

"When we come in people are happy to see us because they help to their commu-

nity," said Army 1st Lt. Dencil Morales. 296th Infantry Battalion, Puerto Rico National Guard.

"This has been a real treat because we have gotten more out of two weeks of training than ever," said Army Spc. David Officer of 1st Battalion. 207th Aviation Regiment. "This is something you see on television with the Peace Corps, only we are the ones doing it." He added that he was proud to see the hard work his unit did to be a part of Task Force Lempira pay off in the lives of the folks they've helped.

# Board selects, salutes command's top NCOs

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, **USAF** 

Command Run Editor

MIAMI -- Two Command Group NCOs were recently named the U.S. Southern Command's senior and junior enlisted service members of the year for 2000.

Army Sgt. Joel Overson, in the senior NCO category, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Carina Ghartey, in the junior NCO category, were selected the winners.

Overson and Ghartev each met the award board Jan. 26, which was chaired by Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Laye and consisted of



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

**Army Sgt. Joel Overson and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class** Carina Ghartey work at their desks Feb. 15.

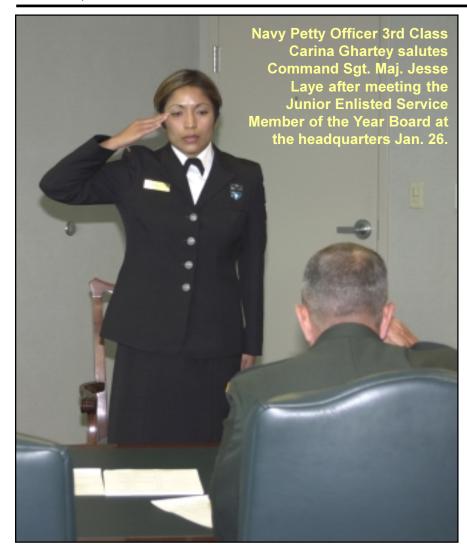
four other senior NCOs. ance, effective communica-The two NCOs were each tion, and answers given to graded on military appear- a variety of joint service related questions.

Ironically, Overson and Ghartey both serve in the Command Group and literally sit next to each other in the performance of their daily duties.

Overson, an administration NCO from Sarasota, Fla., said it was a relief to learn of his selection as the senior NCO of the year.

He said a lot of hard work studying with Ghartey and conducting mock boards conducted by his supervisor Sgt. 1st Class Vickie Weigel paid off for them both. "I spent

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most of my free time studying with Petty Officer Ghartey," Overson explained. "Then I just concentrated on maintaining my composure and appearance of confidence and control in front of the board members."

tration NCO Scottsdale, Ariz., agreed that Overson and the mock the preparation paid off." boards helped her be successful when meeting the geant major congratulated board.

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The command ser-Overson and Ghartey fol-"I was trying to remain lowing each board. An



### Governor visits

Gen. Peter Pace (center), U.S. Southern
Command commander in chief, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Laye (left) welcome Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to the headquarters in Miami Feb. 5. The governor received a command briefing and toured the facility. (Photo by Army Spc. Lucy J. Pabon)

## SOUTHCOM hosts C-4 conference

Story/photos by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gabe Puello Command Run Assistant Editor

(Editor's note: Army Maj. George Woodard, J-6, contributed to this story.)

Miami -- Someone could easily think of the Pentagon as the "brain" of the U.S. miltary. Using this anology, then "C4S" would almost certainly be considered the proverbial central nervous system providing information to the military "body."



trol, Communications, and Computer Systems (C4S) Conference, hosted by U.S. Southern Command, was conducted at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Jan. 30 thru Feb. 1.

This year's C4S conference provided senior theater communicators a forum to exchange critical The Command, Con- information pertaining to

"Changing our way of thinking, automating old ideas and ways of doing things, but not changing the way we think, is one of our many goals."

> Maj. Gen. William Henry Russ, USA Signal Command commander

communication issues that impact SOUTHCOM.

Mai. Gen. Garv Speer. SOUTHCOM deputy commander in chief, introduced Army Maj.Gen. William Henry Russ, Signal Command commanding general, who gave the keynote address on the opening day of the conference. During the keynote ad-

dress. Russ touched on a variety of topics ranging from world wide viruses and Army Signal Activity's ability to combat them quickly, to "New Horizon's 2001," implementation of signal activity personnel and "Joint Vision 2020."

"Changing our way of thinking, automating old ideas and ways of doing things, but not changing the way we think, is one of our many goals," said Russ. "It's about changing the human dimension. Diversity is good, it fosters innovation and invention," he added.

Russ also commented on the vision of ASA as "rap-

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idly deployable, anytime, anywhere."

The annual con-

ference was established in 1994. Some of the overarching goals of the conference was to integrate existing and emerging communications

systems into theater communications infrastructure, resolve command, control, and communications support deficiencies, and consolidate all Maj. Gen. Gary Speer, U.S. Southern Command deputy commander in chief, addresses the audience at the C4S Conference at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Jan. 30.

communications logistics support planning and execution.

Conference officials also said part of the agenda was to link the management, resources, and logistics support of existing communications systems with new systems and upgrades.

Once the for-

malities of the opening day were completed, the conference attendees went to work. The first day the attendees concentrated mainly on agency and organization briefs, component updates and presentation of issues.

By day two, the conference continued issue presentations and then broke up into working groups and breakout sessions.

On day three the working groups reported on their results, and validated any outstanding issues.



## All together now

Gen. Peter Pace (front row, third from right), U.S. Southern Command commander in chief, poses with his component commanders and their wives Thursday. The group of commanders held meetings and received briefings during the general's quarterly component commanders conference. (Photo by Army Spc. Lucy J. Pabon)

## Bush pledges money for military pay, housing, healthcare



Photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem President Bush receives the salute of Command Sgt. Maj. George J. Ruo Jr. of 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb. 12.

#### By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Feb. 12 a significant in-Rhem, USA crease in funding for qual-

American Forces Press Service

FORT STEWART, Ga., Feb. 12, 2001 — President George W. Bush announced Feb. 12 a significant increase in funding for quality-of-life issues affecting U.S. service members.

Speaking to a group of roughly 6,000 3rd Infantry

Division soldiers and their family members here, Bush pledged an additional \$5.7 billion in 2002 to be spent between military pay increases and improving military housing and healthcare.

The president got a rousing round of applause when he announced he plans to spend \$1.4 billion on a pay raise for service members — "pay increases on top of the increases the Congress passed (during) the last couple budget cycles," he said.

Bush also said he plans to spend \$400 million on military housing and an additional \$3.9 billion to improve healthcare. But he really gained the crowd's support with a well-timed "hoo-ah!" The soldiers' responding shout was deafening.

"Because of you, America is secure. Because of you, the march of freedom continues," Bush said. "Our nation can never truly repay our debt to you. But we can give you our full support, and my administration will."

He said the nation owes its service members and their families a decent quality of life, necessary training and equipment, and solid defense policies.

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"When we send you into harm's way, we owe you a clear mission with clear goals," he said.

Bush called the soldiers the foundation of America's military readiness.

"But while you're serving us well, America is not serving you well enough," he said.

The president said problems like low pay and poor housing reach across the services with predictable results. Frustration is up.



Photo by Army Sqt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem President Bush (center) and a trench-coated **Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld troop** the line during their visit to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb. 12. They were escorted by Maj. Gen. Walter Sharp, division commander.

while morale and recruitment are down. he said.

way a great nation should reward courage and idealism," "This is not the Bush said. "It's un-

grateful, it's unwise, and it is unacceptable."

The president opened his speech by asking for prayers for the nine people missing since Feb. 9 when a U.S. submarine surfaced under a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii and sank it. He called for a moment of silence for "those missing, their families and our friends, the people of Japan."

In his first visit to a military base since taking office Jan. 20, Bush also visited a single-soldier barracks unit and had lunch with soldiers in

one of the post's military dining facilities.

The president's Georgia visit kicked off three days of visits with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to military bases to explain some of his national security policies. On Feb. 13 he visited Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., and, on Valentine's Day, the two visited National Guard and reserve troops in Charleston, W. Va.

Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, 3rd Division commander, told

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## **President** nominates Wolfowitz to be deputy

WASHINGTON. Feb. 9, 2001 — President Bush has nominated Paul Wolfowitz be deputy defense secretary.

His nomination. announced by the White House Feb. 6. goes to the Senate for confirmation. Senate officials said they would consider the nomination "expeditiously."

Wolfowitz, 57, is currently the dean of the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International and Pacific affairs. Before that service Studies here.

the Reagan and to Indonesia in 1986. George H.W. Bush administrations. Under President Reagan, Wolfowitz served as the State Department's director of policy planning and later became the the deputy assistant assistant secretary of defense secretary for state for East Asian regional programs.

Reagan appointed He served in both him as ambassador

Under President George H. W. Bush, Wolfowitz served as the undersecretary of defense for policy. He also served with DoD from 1977 to 1980 as

he held a variety of positions with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Wolfowitz is from New York and is a graduate of Cornell University, in Ithaca, N.Y. He received both his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Chi-

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Bush he couldn't think of "a better place to see what soldiers and their families are doing in the Army today."

The president agreed. "You've been called the most highly trained and rapidly deployable mecha- from those deployments rently training for a May nized force in the world." he told the soldiers.

"That is high praise, and you have earned it."

Throughout the presidential campaign, Bush promised to take a hard look at increasing amounts of military deployments. Much of the manpower

comes from 3rd Division, he said.

Bush noted many division soldiers are currently deployed to Bosnia and still more will replace them in March. In addition to the current and upcoming you, and I'm committed to Bosnia missions, Fort serve you." Stewart soldiers are cur-

deployment to Kosovo as well.

"You volunteered for this job. You decided to serve a cause greater than vourself." Bush told the troops. "I'm proud to lead

### **News briefs**

### Tax assistance available

The U.S. Southern Command's Volunteer Tax Income Assistance Program is available to assist people with their federal tax returns.

This tax service is SOUTHCOM service members and employees only. This is a free service through the use of volunteers who have been trained by the IRS. All information given to the tax representatives is confidential.

Here are some tips to make tax preparation easier:

- Make sure you have your children's exact birthdates and social security numbers.
- Make sure all names on your tax forms appear exactly as they are on the social security cards.
- You are responsible to file your own

tatives do not have any state forms.

- Make sure that you have all tax information available with you at your appointment.
- If you have a complicated return, let the tax representative know and after a short screening process, you may be given an appointment with a Staff Judge Advocate tax attorney. If you are a civilian, you will only be eligible for normal tax service and will be referred to another agency that will be able to file complicated tax returns.
- Ensure that all information is correct and accurate. If a number or letter is wrong, your return may be rejected and you will have to repeat the process.
- Civilian contractors are not eligible for the tax program and will be

state tax forms. The VITA represen- referred to a qualified tax representative.

> If you don't wish to use this service, the representatives can refer you to another tax service that may or may not require a fee.

> Each directorate has a tax representative. Call your representative at to participate in VITA:

J-1, Belitta Smith, Ext. 1127

J-2, Sgt. 1st Class Tiwana Williams, Ext. 2020; Master Sgt. James Johns, Ext. 2056; Staff Sgt. Orville Alleyene, Ext. 2006; and Staff Sgt. Joel Peacock, Ext. 2136. J-3, Cpl. Alexander Saldana, Ext. 3001.

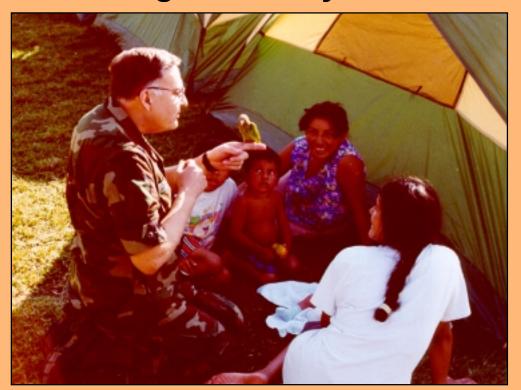
J-4, Cmdr. Wayne Williamson, Ext. 1412.

J-5, Sgt. Milagros Rosario, Ext. 1503.

J-6, Petty Officer 1st Class Angela Lewis, Ext. 1645.

J-8, Michael Guthrie, Ext. 1817 SCEN, Lt. Col. Michael Beard, Ext. 1161 SCRA, Maj. Kenneth Olivo, Ext. 1267 ASA, Mercedes Miranda, Ext. 1902 All others, Sgt. Isaac Peterson, Ext. 1307

## Caring: a 'birdseye' view



Air Force Col. Emilio Chaviano, U.S. Southern Command chaplain, holds an exotic bird and chats with a family at the Las Delicias Refugee Camp in San Salvador, El Salvador Jan. 30.

## **DECA** tent sale

The Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., and U.S. Southern Command is having a Joint Commissary Tent Sale March 29 through April 1 at the SOUTHCOM headquarters. There will be an assortment of food and non-food items available for sale at considerable savings. The tent will be located on the command's east parking lot at 3511 NW 91st Avenue in Miami. The parking lot will close beginning Feb. 24 to prepare for the sale.

Shoppers are encouraged to register to win super prizes, which will be given away April 1 at 4 p.m. People who register do not have to be present to win.

Cash and checks are the only form of payment that will be accepted. The tent sale will be open for business March 29, 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and April 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All shoppers must have a valid military ID.

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## Wild Bunch' narrowly captures flag football championship

**Sports** 

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, **USAF** 

Command Run Editor

MIAMI – Overcoming an early turnover, the U.S. Southern Command "Wild Bunch" used a battery of offensive weapons, a kickoff return and late defensive stand to defeat the BX Mart 34-30. narrowly capturing the Homestead Air Reserve Station's Intramural Flag Football Championship Jan. 26.

From the onset, the Wild Bunch set their high-octane offensive into motion, driving downfield on their first possession into scoring position.



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Receiver Sgt. Demetrius Elder, Base Operations, runs hard to avoid the defender and to earn extra yardage.

However, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert Trawick threw a costly interception in the red zone at the BX Mart's 2-yard-line. Led by Quarterback Herb

Tiedermann, the BX Mart responded, driving the length of the field for a touchdown, going up 8-0.

In the first half, the Wild Bunch fought to keep the game close as Receiver Joev Beteta, from the Property Book Office, caught two touchdowns. However, the Wild Bunch missed a twopoint try, and trailed at the break 16-14.

After the half, the BX Mart used its first drive to build its biggest lead at 24-14. But then Trawick. determined to make up for his early interception,

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Herb Tiedermann, 24, the quarterback for the BX Mart, attemps to evade the U.S. Southern Command's "Wild Bunch" defense during the flag football championship Jan. 26 at Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla. The "Wild Bunch" won the game 34-30.

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stepped up his game, throwing consecutive touchdowns to Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Vincent Carter, J-6, and Sgt. Demetrius Elder, ASA. Converting only one of the two-point conversions, the Wild Bunch led by only 28-24.

The BX Mart then used a long running play and short pass to regain the lead 30-28 with only two minutes left in the game. On the ensuing kickoff, Trawick made everyone forget about the early turnover. Sixty-five yards from paydirt, he jetted down the sideline then darted and sped back up the middle for the score and a 34-30 lead.

Refusing to go down without a fight, the BX Mart drove to the Wild Bunch' 20-yardline. However, the Wild Bunch' defense stiffened as Tiedermann's fourth-down throw sailed incomplete

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Joey Beteta, from the Property Book Office, catches one of his two touchdown catches during the Homestead Flag Football Championship Game Jan. 25. Beteta was an offensive threat in the game, yet he attributed the victory to the team's defense.

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through the endzone, sealing the victory.

Tiedermann said after the game the BX Mart was hoping to take advantage of the Wild Bunch' missed extra points and the early turnover. But he gave credit to Trawick's performance and his tremendous runback.

"Trawick is a hell of a quarterback and he can really run," Tiedermann said shaking his head.
"But hey, that's the break. It was a hell of a game.
We're going to get at it again next year."

Beteta, one of Trawick's favorite receiv-



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts Beau Houser, J-3, avoids the BX Mart defense.

ers in the championship game, attributed the comeback not only to the offense, but also to the team's defense that stepped it up when it counted. "They had a great offense too," Beteta said. "I think our defense in the second half really stepped

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it up... and we were able to shut them down."

Trawick said the BX Mart has always been tough competitors and they deserve much credit for the great game they played and for their sportsmanship.

"This team is really talented and they have always given us problems," he said. "I got kind of nervous when they went up late in the game, but we finally pulled it

# Congratulations to the champions

Congratulations to members of the U.S. Southern Command "Wild Bunch" Flag Football Team who won the Homestead Air Reserve Station Flag Football Championship Jan. 25. The following individuals represented SOUTHCOM:

- Joseph Beteta, Base Operations
- Alfred Cotton, ASA
- Petty Officer 2nd Class Vincent Carter, ASA
- Damon Dantzler, ASA
- Spc. Jeffery Harris, ASA
- Sgt. Demetrius Elder, Base Operations
- Beau Houser, J-3
- Sqt. John Mariz, ASA
- Sgt. Anthony Meadors, J-2
- Staff Sgt. Joe Nathan, Base Operations
- Sgt. 1st Class Rickey Robinson, ASA
- Sgt. 1st Class Robert Trawick, J-5
- Staff Sgt. Thomas West, J-2
- Seaman Jerron Williams, J-3



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Members of the "Wild Bunch" regroup at halftime down 16-14. They would score three more touchdowns in the second half to capture the championship 34-30.

out."

As for being the "hero" instead of the

"goat," Trawick said the interception simply caused him to dig deep within himself to play harder. However, he

added, "teamwork" was the real key to victory.

## Embrace the spirit of African-American History Month

By the Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld

Secretary of Defense

t is with great pleasure that I join you in L marking African-American History Month; a time to remember and reaffirm our common commitment to justice, equality and opportunity. Those of us serving in this remarkable institution, whether military or civilian, bear a special responsibility on occassions such as this. Indeed, we are fortunate to serve as both sentinels of the past and scouts for the future.

As sentinels of the past, we carry a unique



Donald H. Rumsfeld

understanding and appreciation for the lessons of history; lessons that need repeating; of African-Americans who have worn this nation's uniform and served with distinction at home and abroad.

As scouts for the future, we are also proud to inherit an institution that for over half a century has been a pioneer for equal opportunity and which today is a beacon to America as the most integrated institution in the nation.

Because we are an example to others, each of us also has a responsibility to each other, to ensure that our military and civilian ranks are defined by adherence to the highest standards of equal justice and professional ethics. In so doing, we can build an even stronger military and an even stronger nation. As the

President reminds us in his proclamation on the purpose of this month, this is a time to teach our children, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity and equality.

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As Secretary of Defense, I encourage everyone in this Department to embrace the spirit of which the President spoke. Together, we can remain a model for the nation. Together, we can make the meaning and lessons of this month real not only for African-Americans, but for all Americans.

### New lieutenant colonels

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command Air Force majors on their selection for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel:

- Bernard Badami, SCCC
- Jose A. Mata, J-5
- Stanley Ruff, J-3
- Paul L. Smith, J-2
- Troy A. Edgell, El Salvador
- Tammy M. Haight, SOCSO
- Daniel Sanchez, SOCSO

### Senior service school

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command officer who was recently selected as a candidate for senior service school:

■ Maj. Paul L. Smith, J-2

## New sergeant major

Congrations to the following

Army sergeant major who was recently selected to become a command sergeant major:

■ Joseph J. Callahan, SOCSO

## Federal award nominees

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command personnel who are the 2001 Federal Employee of the Year nominees:

#### Administrative category

- Anayansi C. Avila, J-1
- Leana D. Bresnahan, J-5
- Reserve Sgt. Karen D. Byfield
- Navy Chief Petty Officer Theresa Sessoms, J-1

#### Clerical/admin supply category

- Anna D. Brubaker. J-5
- Pamela M. Weldon, J-5

#### Management category

- Joseph P. Dillard, J-2
- Manuel Gomez Jr., J-2
- Lt. Cmdr. Leslie H. Harris. J-3
- Jeffrey E. Mack, Base Operations

■ Barbara Nakajo, J-5

#### **Technical category**

- Rachele Alvirez, J-5
- Mimi A. Azcarraga, J-3
- Master Sgt. Mark A. Cozine, J-6

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- Bruce C. Evenson, Base Ops
- **■** Edwin Maldonado, ASA
- Juan R. Maldonado, Base Ops
- Arthur Merkel, SCPA
- Eon Pereira, J-5
- Rafael A. Rosania, Base Ops
- Tech. Sqt. Eva M. Rutledge, J-3
- Logistics Readiness Division, J-4
- Theater Assessments Division. J-2 Joint Intelligence Center Team

#### Law enforcement category

■ Janssy Hernandez, Base Ops

#### Professional/scientific category

- Maj. John E. Young, SCEN
- Caribbean and Central America Branch, J-2 Joint Intelligence Center Team

## **Command Spotlight**

## Master Sgt. Donald Dyer



Service:

U.S. Air Force Organization:

J-1 Manpower and Personnel Directorate

**Duty title:** 

Superintendent of Plans and Exercises

Time in service:

17 years

Hometown:

Southgate, Mich.

**Hobbies: Volunteering for** 

Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity, and coaching

Favorite duty station: Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Career Highlights: While stationed in San Antonio, Texas, I was able to meet the Bud Light Girls, San Antonio Spurs basketball team members, as well as the team's mascot... the Spurs Coyote.

### Jenean Baker



Service: Civilian Organization:

**Army Signal Activity** 

**Duty title:** 

Configuration management specialist

Time in service:

7 years (includes prior service time)

Hometown:

**Miami** 

Hobbies: Reading, shopping and computers

Favorite duty station: When I was on active duty I

enjoyed my duty in Korea

Career Highlights: Moving back to Miami (my hometown) to work at U.S. Southern Command with some wonderful and interesting people!



## Happy birthday!

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Navy Capt. Gary Edwards cuts a birthday cake at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami Feb. 20. The cake cutting celebrated the one year anniversary of U.S. Navy South. NAVSO, the Navy component of SOUTHCOM, officially stood up operations Feb. 19, 2000 at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Edwards is the NAVSO liaison to SOUTHCOM. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)